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Mayors of Aberystwyth

1952/53.	1953/54.
Councillor J.L.Davies.	Councillor W.G.Pryse.

Committees dealing with Health matters

Committee	Chairman		Members
(1) Health and Housing Committee,	Alderman E.W.Roberts, Alderman R.J.Ellis,	1952/53. 1953/54.	All Members of the Council.
(2) Housing Sub-Committee,	Alderman E.W.Roberts, Alderman R.J.Ellis,	1952/53. 1953/54.	Ten Members.
(3) Public Works Committee,	Councillor E.Jenkins, Councillor G.Williams,	1952/53. 1953/54.	All Members of the Council.

Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health,	..	I.Morgan Watkin, Ph.D.(Lond); M.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H. (Wales).
Chief Sanitary Inspector, Housing Inspector, Inspector of Meat and other Foods.	..	O.R.N.Hoskins, M.R.S.I.
Additional Sanitary Inspector, Housing Inspector, Inspector of Meat and other Foods.	..	A.Jones,

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To The Mayor, Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee,
Aldermen and Members of the Aberystwyth Borough Council.

PREFACE

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report of the Health Department for the year ended December 31st, 1953.

You will be glad to learn from an examination of the ensuing pages that the health of the inhabitants of the Borough has continued to be good.

The number of registered deaths has increased somewhat from 134 in 1952 to 148 in 1953. The principal causes of death remain the same as those for the United Kingdom generally. Heart disease, in its various forms, still claims the greatest number of victims, whilst cancer is still well in the foreground. Death from cancer of the lung, which is becoming commoner, accounted for six victims. This is equal to half the total number of deaths from cancer of the stomach. Those who smoke unduly heavily might wish to bear this point in mind.

There was an increase in the number of live births from 98 in 1952 to 122 in 1953. The number of illegitimate children born rose from 3 in 1952 to 9 in 1953. One stillbirth only was registered and no mother died in childbirth - a feature which reflects credit upon medical practioners and midwives practising in the town.

Very few infectious diseases other than tuberculosis were notified during the year. None was of a serious character.

The number of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified increased from 9 in 1952 to 14 in 1953. It is doubtful whether this increase reflects an increased incidence or not, as improved methods of diagnosis, such as Mass Radiography, permit cases to be diagnosed in their early stages. As a consequence the prospect of cure is much improved.

In view of the Borough's past experience, it is natural that stringent precautions should be taken to ensure cleanliness in the handling of ice-cream. The number of samples falling into Grade 1, rose still further in 1953 and reached the figure of 90%. No sample fell into Grade 4 - the unsatisfactory grade.

A more detailed picture of the work of the Health Department may be gleaned from the ensuing pages which include the Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	1,141
Population (Census 1931)	9,474
Population (Registrar General's Mid-Year 1952)	10,240
Population (Registrar General's Mid-Year 1953)	10,460
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1953, ..	£68,167
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1954, ..	£68,339
Sum represented by a penny rate at 1st April 1953,	£272
Sum represented by a penny rate at 1st April 1954,	£275

Number of various premises as classified by the Valuation Department of the Inland Revenue.

(a) Houses	2,570
(b) Shops	260
(c) Offices	76
(d) Banks	4
(e) Cafes	4
(f) Clinics	2
(g) Depots and Warehouses	27
(h) Stables, Stores etc., ...	67
(i) Hotels, (including private)	60
(j) Hostels	9
(k) Schools	5
(l) Camping Ground	1
(m) Hospitals	3
(n) College Educational Buildings.. ..	24
(o) Markets and Halls, ...	5
(p) Industrial Bakeries..	2
(q) Garages (including private)	162

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SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total	Male	Female
Number of registered live births	Leg:	113	53	60
	Illeg:	9	3	6
Number of registered still births	Leg.	-	-	-
	Illeg:	1	-	1
Number of deaths of infants under 1 year ..	Leg:	-	-	-
	Illeg:	2	-	2
Number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks ..	Leg:	-	-	-
	Illeg:	2	-	2
Number of deaths of women ascribed to childbirth ..		Nil		
Number of registered deaths		148	76	72
Areal comparability factor for births		1.00		
Areal comparability factor for deaths		0.85		

	Aberystwyth	England & Wales
Adjusted live birth rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year population ..	11.7	15.5
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year population ..	12.0	11.4

CAUSES OF DEATH IN CERTAIN DISEASES

Registrar General's Code Number	Causes of Death	Number of deaths Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1	2
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ..	8	4	12
11	Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus .	5	1	6
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast ..	-	-	-
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..	-	1	1
14	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	6	6	12
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	-	1	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	12	25
18	Coronary disease, angina	8	6	14
19	Hypertension with heart disease ..	-	1	1
20	Other heart disease	12	16	28
21	Other circulatory disease	6	6	12
22	Influenza	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	1	1	2
24	Bronchitis	3	3	6
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	1	1	2
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-	2
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	6	-	6
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ..	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	7	9
33	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	-	3	3
35	Suicide	1	1	2
36	Homicide and operations of war ..	1	-	1
	Total ..	76	72	148

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a list of the notifications of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis, received during the year.

Cholera	Nil
Diphtheria	Nil
Dysentery (amoebic and bacillary)	Nil
Encephalitis	Nil
Erysipelas	Nil
Food poisoning	Nil
Malaria	Nil
Measles	1
Meningococcal meningitis	Nil
Ophthalmia neonatorum	Nil
Paratyphoid fever	Nil
Plague	Nil
Pneumonia (acute primary and acute influenzal)	Nil
Poliomyelitis	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	Nil
Relapsing fever	Nil
Scarlet fever	2
Smallpox	Nil
Typhoid fever	Nil
Typhus fever	Nil
Whooping cough	14

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year fourteen new cases of tuberculosis were notified, all being tuberculosis of the lung.

The following table shows the sex and age distribution of the cases.

AGE GROUP	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-
10-14	-	-	-	-
15-19	1	1	-	-
20-24	3	1	-	-
25-29	-	-	-	-
30-34	-	-	-	-
35-39	-	-	-	-
40-44	3	-	-	-
45-49	-	-	-	-
50-54	-	-	-	-
55-59	2	-	-	-
60 and over	1	-	-	-
Totals	11	3	-	-

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172, of the Public Health Act, 1936.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

These have remained essentially the same as in the previous year. They are as follows :-

(a) An ante-natal and post-natal clinic is held fortnightly at the County Offices, Aberystwyth.

(b) Infant welfare clinics are held twice weekly at the County Offices and fortnightly at the Neuadd Goffa, Penparcau.

(c) The domiciliary midwifery service is carried out by two district nurses who are also certified midwives.

(d) Two health visitors are resident in the Borough.

(e) Home nursing is in the hands of two district nurse midwives and a third State Registered Nurse who devotes her entire time to general nursing.

(f) Vaccination is carried out by the person's own medical attendant but immunication against diptheria is performed partly by the former and partly by medical officers of the local health authority.

(g) The headquarters of the ambulance service are situated in Aberystwyth.

(h) Arrangements for the prevention of illness consist of periodic talks and advice given by the staff of the local health authority. Care and after-care are in the hands of the health visitor and the district nurse. Tuberculosis cases are also followed up by the Chest Physician's health visitor.

(i) Domestic help is provided by suitable persons engaged locally.

(j) The principal general hospital in the county and the maternity home are situated in the Borough. The infectious diseases' hospital lies within a short distance of the town at Tanybwlch.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

The laboratory has continued to carry out bacteriological examinations of water, ice-cream and other articles of food. Consultations with Dr.H.V.M.Sudds, the Director of the Laboratory, on problems of mutual interest have assisted in the maintenance of a high standard of food hygiene in the town.

WATER

The maxim that "eternal vigilance is the price of safety" applied to public water supplies more than to any other article of food or drink, for water is consumed by everybody. As a consequence, the Health Department takes two samples of water per week from various parts of the town and submits them for bacteriological analysis to the Medical Research Council's Area Laboratory. An unsatisfactory sample is immediately followed up, but in each case subsequent results have proved satisfactory.

Number of Samples taken	134.
Highly Satisfactory	104
Satisfactory	1
Insufficiently Chlorinated	15
Moderate surface contamination ..	5
Unsatisfactory	9
	134

Seven samples were also taken of private supplies.

SECTION 47, OF THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

This section deals with persons who are unable to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention. Several cases were kept under observation, but in only one case did it become necessary to apply to a magistrate for compulsory removal. The man in question was elderly and was in a filthy and verminous condition. He had collapsed in the town on two occasions. On the first occasion he was taken home by his own doctor. The second time he had to be removed by ambulance from the promenade. He was detained in hospital for some days and diagnosed as suffering from malnutrition. After some months at home his condition again deteriorated to such a degree that his own doctor and myself came to the conclusion that he must be cared for in a Welfare Home. Application was made to a Justice of the Peace for his compulsory removal to Bronglais. The Justice found the facts proved and ordered his detention for a maximum period of three weeks. At the expiration of this period the man agreed to stay at the Home. A renewal of the order became unnecessary.

PORT HEALTH

No foreign-going ships entered Aberystwyth harbour during the year 1953.

GENERAL

As in the previous year, the Report is composed of two sections. The second, with which I concur, is prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

From both sections there emerges the same picture of continuing good health in the Borough.

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REPORT OF CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

To The Mayor, Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee,
Aldermen and Members of the Aberystwyth Borough Council.

Gentlemen,

I again have the honour and privilege to submit my contribution to the Annual Report on the Public Health Department.

The varied nature of the work has continued to increase and credit for a combined effort must be given to the Staff, who carry out duties which are often unpleasant and distasteful with loyalty and enthusiasm.

The continued confidence and support of the Council throughout the year has been gratifying and encouraging.

STAFF.

The staff of the Department consists of :-

Chief Sanitary Inspector	O.R.N.Hoskins, M.R.S.I.
Additional Sanitary Inspector ..	A.Jones.
Clerical Officer	W.D.James.
Rodent Operator	C.Y.Jones.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Enforcement.

Complaints received	201
Complaints not justified	36
Matters referred to the Borough Surveyor for abatement	68
Preliminary Notices served	89
Preliminary Notices complied	127
Statutory Notices served	12
Statutory Notices complied	8

Housing Acts.

Unfit houses voluntarily demolished	1
Demolition Orders	1
Unfit houses reported to Council	2
Closing Orders	1
Number of unfit or defective houses made fit by informal action	32
Number of houses visited re overcrowding ..	1
Number of dwellings overcrowded	1
Number of houses inspected (Public Health Act and Housing Act)	300
Number of houses re-inspected (Public Health Act and Housing Act)	361
Number of premises (other than houses) inspected for nuisances	26
Number of premises (other than houses) re-inspected for nuisances	2
Number of visits for infectious disease	28
Number of visits re other diseases	10

Factories.

Non-Power,	Bakehouses	5
	Laundries	2
	Miscellaneous	6
Power,	Bakehouses	15
	Laundries	2
	Miscellaneous	85
Work Places, other than Offices		1
Offices		2

Other classifications.

Common Lodging Houses	7
Tents, Vans, Sheds or similar structures	11
Cinemas and Amusement Places	12
Public Houses and Licensed Premises	131
Water Supply and Sampling visits	149
Refuse Tips	16
Accummulations	25
Sewers, Street gullies, back roads, etc., ..	34
Drains	195

GENERAL INSPECTIONS, Continued.

Water Courses	6
Public Conveniences	20
Cesspools	21
Swine, Fowl and other animals or birds	12
Marine Stores	1
Stables	1
Visits not classified	315
Number of houses found verminous	17
Pest Act visits	35
Slaughterhouse	418

Food inspection.

Milk Regulations, Dairies, Milkshops and Purveyors)	28
Ice cream premises and vehicles (Inspection and Sampling)	106
Restaurants and Food Preparing premises	86
Butchers and Meat Stores	18
Food Shops, Stores and Markets	131
Fish Shops	13
Food Vehicles	8
Railway Station re food	5
Visits re unsound food	63
General Provision Shops and Warehouses	90
Fruit Vegetable and Warehouses	8

SUMMARY OF WORK EXECUTED

Houses.

Extensively repaired	2
Minor repairs completed	23
Walls repaired	3
Outside plastering repaired	4
Inside plastering repaired	17
Floors renewed or repaired	10
Roofs, renewed or repaired	8
Chutes, downpipes or gutters renewed or repaired ..	14
Chimneys repaired	4
Ceilings repaired	5
Doors and frames repaired	4
Window sashes or frames renewed or repaired ..	21
Staircases repaired	1
Grates or ovens repaired or renewed	2
Boilers provided or repaired	1
Yard paving relaid or repaired	5
Accummulations removed	5
Ashbins provided	4
Water supply provided	2
Water taps or pipes repaired	1
Miscellaneous repairs and nuisances abated ..	2

Drainage.

Drains tested, Chemical	1
Drains tested, Water	49
Drains re-laid	26
Drains repaired	2
Drains cleansed	31
Inspection or Intercepting chambers provided ..	10
Inspection or Intercepting chambers repaired ..	8
Soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed or repaired ..	4
Rainwater pipes disconnected	1
Gullies fixed	8
Troughs provided	4
Troughs trapped or waste pipes repaired	2
Bath wastes trapped or repaired	2
Lavatory basins trapped or waste pipes repaired ..	1
Baths provided	1
Lavatory basins provided	1

WORKS EXECUTED, Continued.

Water Closets.

Additional W.C.'s provided	2
W.C.'s reconstructed	7
New pans fixed	3
Flushing apparatus provided	4
Flushing apparatus repaired	5
Miscellaneous repairs	7

Eradication of bed bugs.

Number of houses infested	1
Number of houses disinfested	1

Tents, Vans, Sheds.

Licences issued authorising land to be used ..	1
Licences issued authorising persons to use ..	1

Food Shops, Kitchens and premises for preparation or manufacture of preserved foods.

Storage arrangements improved	2
Other repairs	2
Bacteriological samples taken	3

Fried Fish Shops.

Lighting and ventilation improved	1
Other repairs	1

Offensive Trades.

Cleanliness improved	1

MEAT INSPECTION (ABATTOIR)

The slaughter and inspection of animals both ante and post-mortem, at the Abattoir resulted in 418 visits being made with the following results :-

Aberystwyth Abattoir.	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number of animals killed ..	823	2,722	14,708	1,051	19,304.
Percentage of total. All diseases except T.B.					
Whole carcases condemned ..	16	70	92	12	12,615 lbs.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	448	31	1,398	90	15,587 lbs.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. ..	56.37%	3.71%	10.13%	9.70%	
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned ..	20	-	-	1	8,875 lbs.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	60	-	-	54	2,271 lbs.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	9.72%	-	-	5.23%	
Total weight of meat condemned at abattoir					39,348 lbs.

An increase has again been noted at the abattoir and the total is only just short of 20,000 animals killed during the year. Every carcase is fully inspected and detention for laboratory examination is resorted to as occasion warrants.

The number of tuberculosis carcases has dropped despite the continuance of the scheme for eradicating tuberculosis in dairy herds with consequent re-actors being presented for slaughter.

Cysticercus bovis has not increased in frequency and remains approximately as before at 1.09%.

Bowel oedema in pigs has dropped and is now less than 1% is detected.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

During the year nine licenses were issued to slaughtermen. Five of these were renewals and four were new applications.

ABATTOIR.

The number of visits required to carry out meat inspection again rose and was influenced by the increase in throughput and also by killing spread over a longer period of each week. The time occupied in meat inspection through the year was recorded and amounted to 269 hours during normal working time and 271 hours before and after normal duty. A total of 540 hours.

Permits for local purchase of meat distributed in the area rose from £105,000 to £134,000.

Reference to the subsequent graph will indicate increases during the months of January, February and March, with the start of a sharp increase reaching a peak in June of almost double output, also comparable figures for previous years.

The highly valued co-operation of the Animal Health Division and Veterinary Investigation Departments of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, has been continued and is much appreciated. Every assistance has been received and a most happy liasion exists.

FOOD INSPECTION

Condemnations.

Fresh and canned meat and meat products	2,043 lbs.
Fish, wet	79 lbs.
Canned and miscellaneous foods other than meat ..	1,446 lbs.
Total of foodstuffs condemned outside abattoir ..	3,568 lbs.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938, Section 14.

Registered premises.

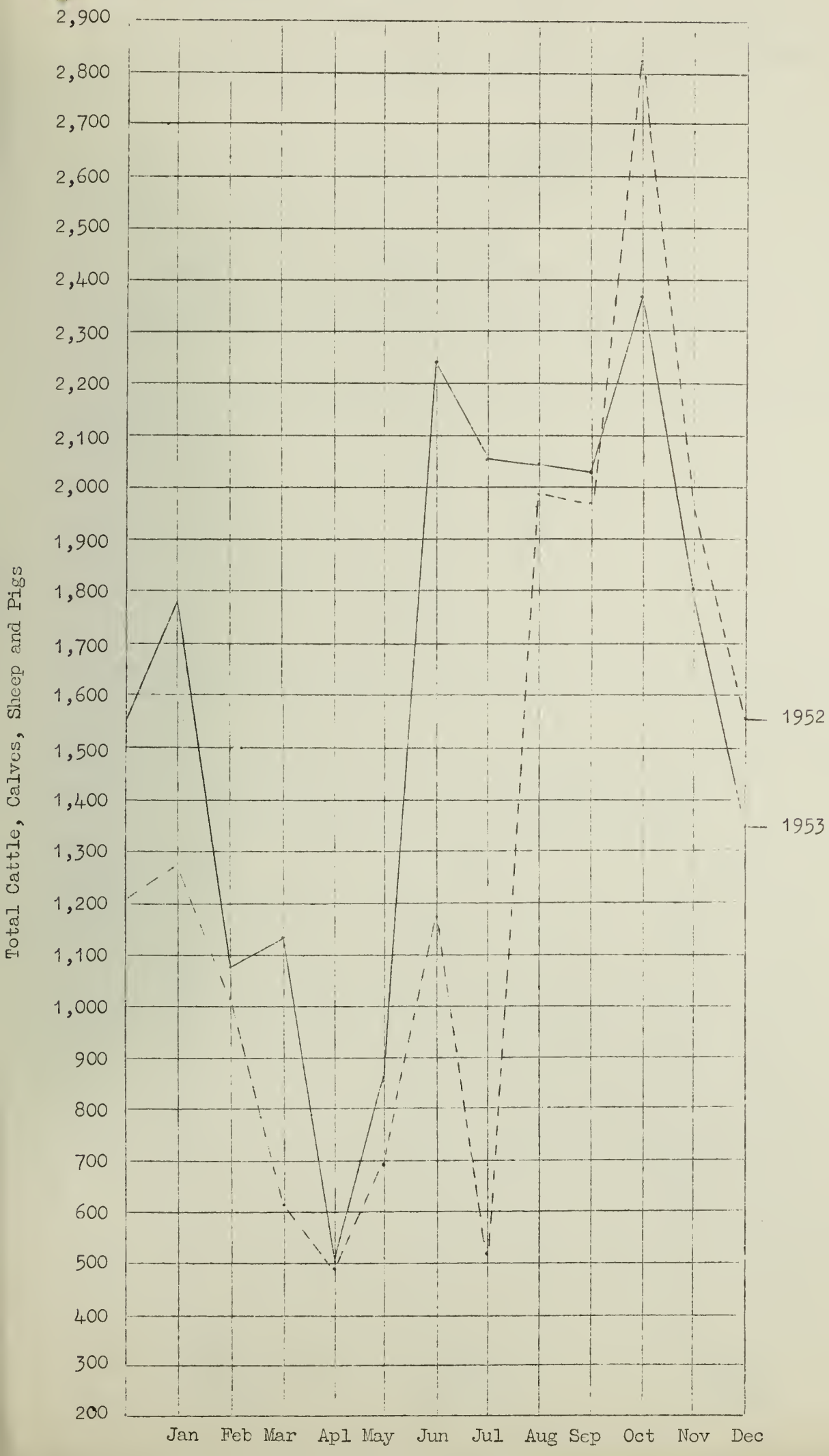
Premises used for the manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale now total 8

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODSTUFFS.

Items of condemned food are disposed by destruction in the following manner. Tinned goods by puncture and burial at the refuse tip. Dried packaged foodstuffs by incineration.

ABATTOIR.

The rise in animals killed continues and is indicated by the graph which shows total of animals killed during each month.



ICE-CREAM.

The bacteriological quality of ice-cream on sale in the Borough has continued to improve and there is not much room for further improvement as only 10% is now below Grade 1. A little more care by local ice-cream traders would remove this last obstacle to the 100% Grade 1.

Number of premises in area of Local Authority = 40
Number of kiosks in area of Local Authority = 3 } = 43.

Number of manufactures :-

Hot mix process .. (Pasteurising) = 3
Cold mix .. (Complete cold mix) = 4 } = 7

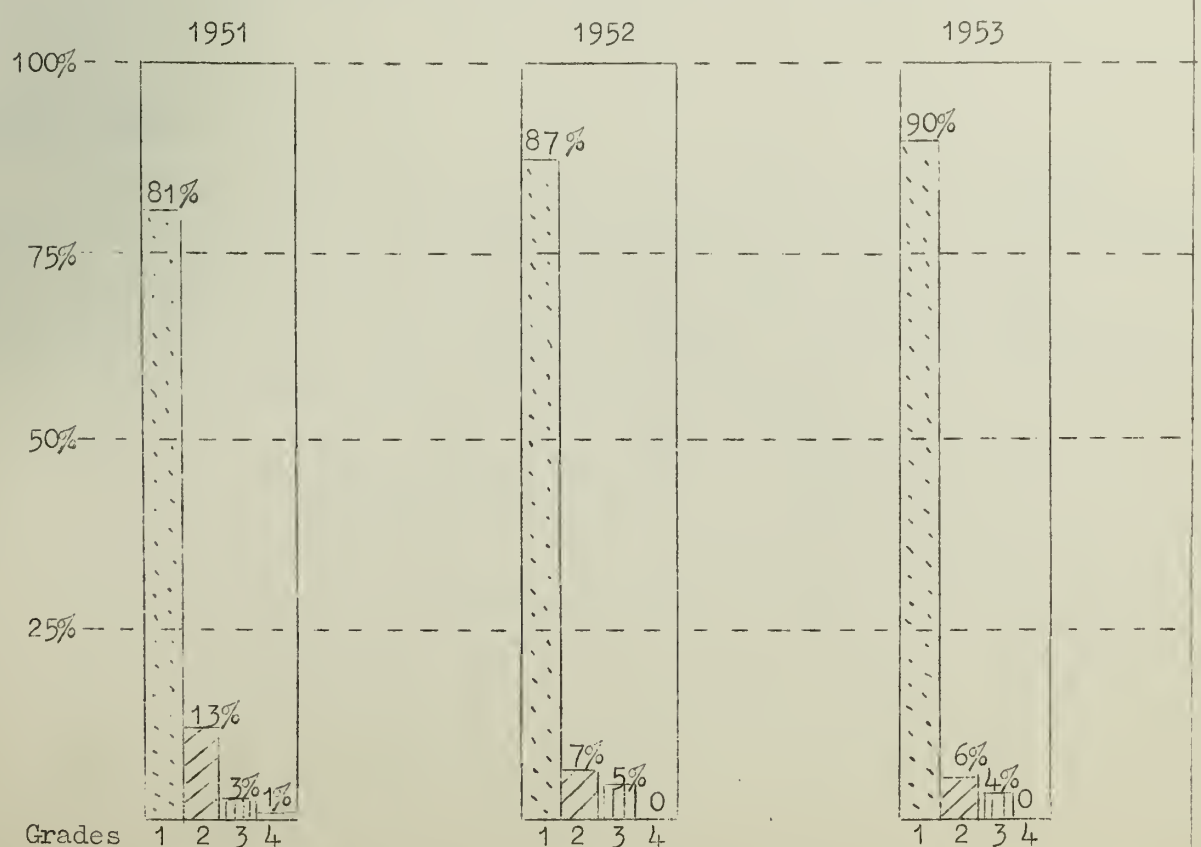
The remaining 36 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream supplied to them by manufacturers.

During the year 100 samples of ice-cream were taken and the following results obtained :-

Grade 1	..	90	= 90%	= 96%
Grade 2	..	6	= 6%	
Grade 3	..	4	= 4%	
Grade 4	..	0		
		100		

Two samples of ice-lollies were also taken and no B. Coli was present.

Comparative index of ice-cream samples for past 3 years showing steady improvement in quality



LICENSED VICTUALLING AND CLUBS.

The annual report was prepared for submission to the Council, and the Licensing Justices, in respect of the various premises in the Borough. Considerable improvement was again noted and as a result the conditions are generally good and above average. The willing co-operation of owners and licensees is acknowledged and has contributed to the present position.

A summary of the work executed is shown and indicates the various items in detail.

Notices complied	15
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved ..	5
Bar sinks provided, replaced or improved ..	4
Hot water supply provided or renewed	2
Sanitary accommodation illuminated	9
Lavatory basins provided	2
Urinals provided	7
Urinals repaired	2
Additional W.C.'s provided	4
W.C.'s reconstructed	5
Flushing apparatus fixed or repaired	11
Floor repaired	2
Beer cellars repaired	2
Beer cellars cleansed and decorated	1
Screening provided for sanitary accommodation ..	3
Other repairs	10

FACTORY ACT.

The number of factories within the area is now as indicated below. Lack of cleanliness in the sanitary accommodation is the most common trouble and both occupier and staff should become more aware of their mutual responsibility to keep a high standard of hygiene. Dirty conditions are not tolerable and stronger action appears to be indicated.

Power operated Factories ..	57
Non-Power Factories ..	12

HOUSING.

The housing list of applicants increased during the year, but continues to show the same trend as previously. Over 80% of the applicants are married couples without children or with only one child. At 31st. December, 1953, the total applicants numbered 553. During the year 72 new applications were received seeking accommodation for 201 persons comprising the families of the applicants.

Through transfers and the policy of making full use of all municipal dwellings 9 tenants were moved to more suitable dwellings and vacancies created which enabled housing to be provided for 12 families comprising 46 persons.

Building licensing of private dwellings is no longer responsible for the existence of the housing shortage and although no new housing units were erected by the Council during the year, 3 private dwellings were erected.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS.

Within the area are eight dairy farms and responsibility for milk production thereon is that of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Dairies (not being dairy farms) number ten and the registered Distributors total twenty-two.

Dealers operating under licence or Supplementary licence in the area total eight.

Local supplies are drawn from wholesale suppliers at Newtown, Carmarthen and Felinfach, part in bottles and part in churns, and retailed by dairymen.

As a result of milk sampling - twenty-five specimens were submitted to the laboratory, and all proved up to standard.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

An improvement has been obtained in certain premises and in connection therewith the following visits were made with the results shown.

Shops inspection	4
Shops re-inspection	6
Washing facilities provided ..	1
W.C.'s provided	1

PEST ACT, 1949.

Rats and Mice.

Two sewer treatments were operated during the year and the Rodent Operator and an assistant from the Surveyor's Department carried out the work.

During the year 572 manholes were inspected and treated for rodent infestation by prebaiting and poisoning. 46 manholes were re-equipped with new ropes and trays during progress of the work. During the work 83 rat bodies were found in the sewers but in view of the strong flow of water this would be a small proportion of the total destruction achieved as a result of the treatment.

Block control schemes were surveyed throughout eleven areas comprising 429 premises and all infestations treated as discovered.

Routine complaints and treatment of other properties were carried out with the results shown in the accompanying table.

	Owned by Local Authority (Non-domestic)	Dwelling Houses (Local Authority and Private)	Other premises (Business and Industrial)	Total
Number of Premises	12	2,570	517	3,099
Inspected	10	441	122	573
Seriously infested by Mice	1	49	7	57
Infested by rats	7	45	11	63
Treated	8	94	18	120

DISINFESTATION.

Disinfestation was carried out at fifteen premises, business and domestic, during the year for the eradication of fleas, ants, earwigs and cockroaches. Appropriate charges being made for the work executed.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfection of premises as the result of infectious disease was carried out in twenty-two dwellings during the year. Seven of these were carried out for non-notifiable diseases for which charges were made.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Frequency of collection.

The Surveyor's Department are responsible for refuse collection and disposal which is carried out weekly. Certain premises are visited more frequently for special reasons.

Refuse or dustbins.

The situation regarding these is not satisfactory and the provision of proper covered metal receptacles is essential. The Council have taken initial steps to provide bins and these should no longer be delayed.

Disposal - Tipping.

The Plas Crug tip is now almost completed and since the introduction of the bulldozer which spreads and consolidates refuse as it is deposited, little trouble has been experienced by the Department. Fly infestation has been reduced to negligible proportions by top covering with soil and rat infestation reduced through use of a narrower tipping frontal area with consolidation and covering.

SANITARY INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION, 60th. ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Morecambe & Heysham, September 8th - 11th. 1953.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector attended and the proceedings were opened by His Worship the Mayor of Morecambe & Heysham, Councillor Edmund Park, J.P.

The Presidential Address was given by Major the Rt. Hon. Lord Milner of Leeds, P.C., M.C., T.D., D.L., with a following Address by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Rt. Hon. Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, G.C.V.O., Q.C., M.P., The following papers were subsequently used as a basis for discussion.

"Some Aspects of the Regulation of Employment in Non-Industrial Occupations" Introducer; John Graham Esq., Manchester C.B.C.

"Pest Control Developments in the Port of London" Introducer: T.L.Mackie, Esq., M.B.E., M.I.N.A., Port of London Health Authority.

"Rural Sanitation" Introducer: The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Cranbrook, J.P., D.L.,

"Round and About a Busy Fishing Port" Introducer: P.J.Fisher Esq., Borough of Fleetwood.

"Housing" Introducer: Sir John Wrigley, K.B.E., C.B.

"Meat Inspection and Slaughter Policy" Introducer: Cecil Ash Esq., Fareham U.D.C.

"Some Practical Aspects of the Application of Section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, and the Food Handling By-Laws" Introducer: E.N.Wakelin Esq., Birmingham C.B.C.

"Atmospheric Pollution" by A.C.Monkhouse Esq., B.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.I.C., Deputy-Director of Fuel Research of Industrial and Scientific Research.

The Conference covered a wide field of subjects at great length and at its conclusion a number of resolutions were adopted which should have fruitful results in the field of public health.

This concludes my report.

I am Gentlemen,
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